

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 8, Death Tax Repeal Permanency Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S8009–S8165*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1276–1288, and S. Res. 174–175. **Page S8125**

#### **Measures Reported:**

Report to accompany S. 163, to reauthorize the United States Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution. (S. Rept. No. 108–74)

S. 285, to authorize the integration and consolidation of alcohol and substance abuse programs and services provided by Indian tribal governments, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–75)

S. 558, to elevate the position of Director of the Indian Health Service within the Department of Health and Human Services to Assistant Secretary for Indian Health. (S. Rept. No. 108–76)

S. 1023, to increase the annual salaries of justices and judges of the United States, with amendments. **Page S8125**

#### **Measure Passed:**

**Strengthen AmeriCorps Program Act:** Senate passed S. 1276, to improve the manner in which the Corporation for National and Community Service approves, and records obligations relating to, national service positions. **Pages S8163–65**

**Prescription Drug and Medicare Improvement Act:** Senate continued consideration of S. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements in the Medicare program, to provide prescription drug coverage under the Medicare program, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8013–S8116**

Rejected:

By 37 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 227), Stabenow Amendment No. 931, to require that the Medicare plan, to be known as the Medicare Guaranteed Op-

tion, be available to all eligible beneficiaries in every year. **Pages S8089–S8105, S8108–09**

Pending:

Enzi/Reed Amendment No. 932, to improve disclosure requirements and to increase beneficiary choices. **Pages S8105–08, S8109–11**

Bingaman Amendment No. 933, to eliminate the application of an asset test for purposes of eligibility for premium and cost-sharing subsidies for low-income beneficiaries. **Pages S8111–16**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 19, 2003. **Page S8165**

During consideration of this measure today, the following also occurred:

The Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute was modified. **Pages S8020–88**

Senator Nickles submitted revisions to H. Con. Res. 95 (Congressional Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2004), pursuant to 401, Medicare Reserve Fund Adjustment. **Page S8118**

**Tax Relief, Simplification and Equity Act:** Senate disagreed to House amendments to Senate amendments to H.R. 1308, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to accelerate the increase in the refundability of the child tax credit, agreed to the House request for a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Grassley, Nickels, Lott, Baucus, and Lincoln. **Page S8013**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Richard James O'Connell, of Arkansas, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Arkansas for the term of four years.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Roger W. Titus, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

Alicia R. Castaneda, of the District of Columbia, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board for a term expiring February 27, 2004.

Alicia R. Castaneda, of the District of Columbia, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board for a term expiring February 27, 2011. (Re-appointment)

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

5 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

A routine list in the Navy. **Page S8165**

**Messages From the House:** **Page S8124**

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**Privilege of the Floor:** **Pages S8162–63**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—227) **Pages S8108–09**

**Adjournment:** Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 5:38 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 19, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8165.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Thomas C. Dorr, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, and to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Admiral Edmund P. Giambastiani, Jr., USN, to be Admiral, and Lieutenant General William S. Wallace, USA, to be Lieutenant General.

### BASEL CAPITAL ACCORD

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the New Basel Capital Accord, a proposal issued by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision to make final modifications for a new capital adequacy framework, focusing on proposed changes to the current capital regime and possible effects on the amount of risk-based capital banks are required to hold, on the risk management techniques they employ, and on the domestic and international competitive landscapes, after receiving testimony from Roger W. Ferguson, Jr., Vice Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; James E. Gilleran, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, and John D. Hawke, Jr., Comptroller of the Currency, Administrator of National Banks, both of the Department of the Treasury; Donald E. Powell, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Edward I. Altman, New York University Leonard N. Stern School of Business, and D. Wilson Ervin, Credit Suisse First Boston, on behalf of the Financial Services Roundtable, both of New York, New York; Micah S. Green, Bond Market Association, and Karen Shaw Petrou, Federal Financial Analytics, Inc., both of Washington, D.C.; Maurice H. Hartigan II, Risk Management Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Kevin M. Blakely, Keycorp, Sydney, Australia.

### BUSINESS MEETINGS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 498, to authorize the President to posthumously award a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Joseph A. De Laine in recognition of his contributions to the Nation; and

An original bill to facilitate check truncation by authorizing substitute checks, to foster innovation in the check collection system without mandating receipt of checks in electronic form, and to improve the overall efficiency of the Nation's payments system.

### BURMA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded hearings to examine the development of democracy in Burma, focusing on the political situation, independent news and information, institution-building programs, and the protection of Burmese Refugees in Thailand, and S. 1182, to sanction the ruling Burmese military junta, to strengthen Burma's democratic forces and support and recognize the National League of Democracy as the legitimate representative of the Burmese people, after receiving testimony from Senator

McConnell; Lorne W. Craner, Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; Kenneth Rogers, Indiana University, Bloomington; U. Aung Din, Free Burma Coalition, Brian Joseph, National Endowment for Democracy, and Veronika A. Martin, Refugees International, all of Washington, D.C.; and Kevin M. Burke, American Apparel and Footwear Association, Arlington, Virginia.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the nominations of Robert W. Fitts, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu, and Greta N. Morris, of California, to be Ambassador to the Marshall Islands, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the nominations of John E. Herbst, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Ukraine, Tracey Ann Jacobson, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan, and George A. Krol, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to Belarus, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Fern Flanagan Saddler, Judith Nan Macaluso, Joseph Michael Francis Ryan III, and Jerry Stewart Byrd, each to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, after the nominees, who were introduced by District of Columbia Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, testified and answered questions on their own behalf.

#### AUTHORIZATION—WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Employment, Safety and Training concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Workforce Investment Act, after receiving testimony from Sigurd R. Nilsen, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, General Accounting Office; James N. Ellenberger, Virginia Employment Commission,

Richmond; Charles Ware, Wyoming Workforce Development Council, Cheyenne; Curtis C. Austin, Workforce Florida, Inc., Tallahassee; Michael H. Kennedy, Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council, Lacey, Washington; and Michael E. Smeltzer, Manufacturers' Association of South Central Pennsylvania, York.

#### NATIVE AMERICAN SACRED PLACES

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings to examine federal efforts to ensure access to and protection of Native American sacred sites, including the establishment of a sacred sites protection policy, after receiving testimony from William D. Bettenberg, Director, Office of Policy Analysis, Department of the Interior; Suzan Shown Harjo, Morning Star Institute, Washington, D.C.; Charmaine White Face, Defenders of the Black Hills, Rapid City, South Dakota; Joyce Bear, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee, Oklahoma; Gene Preston, Pit River Tribal Council, Burney, California; Steve Brady, Sr., Northern Cheyenne Crazy Dogs Society, Lama Deer, Montana, on behalf of the Medicine Wheel Coalition for Sacred Sites of North America.

#### NEWS CORPORATION/DIRECTV DEAL

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded hearings to examine the NewsCorp/DirectTV deal, focusing on global distribution, and possible effects on prices paid by consumers for pay television and choice and variety of programming, after receiving testimony from K. Rupert Murdoch, News Corporation, and Scott Cleland, Precursor Group, both of New York, New York; Eddy W. Hartenstein, DIRECTV, Inc., Los Angeles, California; Gene Kimmelman, Consumers Union, Washington, D.C.; and Robert Miron, Advance/Newhouse Communications, Syracuse, New York.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Frank Libutti, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 15 public bills, H.R. 2501–2515; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 222, were introduced. **Pages H5550–51**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H5551–52**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 283, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 660) to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to improve access and choice for entrepreneurs with small businesses with respect to medical care for their employees (H. Rept. 108–160);

H. Con. Res. 21, commemorating the Bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase (H. Rept. 108–161);

H.R. 1772, to improve small business advocacy, amended (H. Rept. 108–162); and

H.R. 2417, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, amended (H. Rept. 108–163). **Page H5550**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Ose to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H5471**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Timothy Smith, Chaplain, Sun Health Hospice of Sun City, Arizona. **Page H5471**

**Journal:** Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Tuesday, June 17 by recorded vote of 365 ayes to 59 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 286. **Pages H5471, H5491–92**

**Death Tax Repeal Permanency Act:** The House passed H.R. 8, to make the repeal of the estate tax permanent by recorded vote of 264 ayes to 163 noes, Roll No. 288. **Pages H5492–H5514**

By a yea-and-nay vote of 188 yeas to 239 nays, Roll No. 287, rejected the Pomeroy amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to restore the estate tax, limit its applicability to estates of over \$3 million, and include provisions on the maximum estate tax rate, phaseout of graduated rates and unified credit, and valuation rules for certain transfers of nonbusiness assets. **Pages H5502–13**

H. Res. 281, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by recorded vote of 230 ayes to 199 noes, Roll No. 285. Earlier agreed

to order the previous question by yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 284.

**Pages H5475–91, H5491**

**Taxpayer Protection and IRS Accountability Act:** The House completed general debate on H.R. 1528, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect taxpayers and ensure accountability of the Internal Revenue Service. Pursuant to the earlier order of the House, The Chair announced that consideration will resume on Thursday, June 19. **Pages H5514–35**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment by the Committee on Ways and Means printed in the bill (H. Rept. 108–61) and modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 108–159 was considered as adopted.

H. Res. 282, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

**Pages H5474–75**

**Further Consideration of Taxpayer Protection and IRS Accountability Act:** Earlier agreed by unanimous consent that during consideration of H.R. 1528, Taxpayer Protection and IRS Accountability Act, pursuant to H. Res. 282, notwithstanding the ordering of the previous question, it may be in order at any time for the Chair to postpone further consideration of the bill until a later time to be designated by the Speaker. **Page H5514**

**Commission on Security and Cooperation In Europe:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Smith of New Jersey as acting Chairman, and Representatives Wolf, Pitts, Aderholt, Northup, Cardin, Slaughter, and Hastings of Florida to the Commission on Security and Cooperation In Europe. **Page H5549**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5490–91, H5491, H5491–92, H5512–13, and H5513–14. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL AGRICULTURAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS REVIEW

*Committee on Agriculture:* Held a hearing to review multilateral and bilateral agricultural trade negotiations. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, JUDICIARY  
AND RELATED AGENCIES  
APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies held a hearing on FBI Reorganization. Testimony was heard from Robert Mueller, Director, FBI, Department of Justice; David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; and public witnesses.

**DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session and approved for full Committee action the Defense appropriations for fiscal year 2004.

**INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES  
APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the Interior and Related Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 2004.

**WORLDWIDE U.S. MILITARY  
COMMITMENTS**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on worldwide U.S. military commitments. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Paul D. Wolfowitz, Deputy Secretary; and Gen. Peter Pace, USMC, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

**FEDERAL MANDATORY PROGRAMS—  
WASTE, FRAUD AND ABUSE**

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on Waste, Fraud and Abuse in Federal Mandatory Programs. Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; and a public witness.

**SCHOOL READINESS ACT**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Began markup of H.R. 2210, School Readiness Act of 2003.

Will continue tomorrow.

**MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG AND  
MODERNIZATION ACT**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Began markup of H.R. 2473, Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003.

Will continue tomorrow.

**MUTUAL FUNDS INTEGRITY AND FEE  
TRANSPARENCY ACT**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing on H.R. 2420, Mutual Funds Integrity and Fee Transparency Act of 2003.

Testimony was heard from Paul F. Royce, Director, Division of Investment Management, SEC; Richard J. Hillman, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO; and public witnesses.

**U.S. PARTICIPATION—INTERNATIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, ASIAN  
DEVELOPMENT FUND AND AFRICAN  
DEVELOPMENT FUND**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology approved for full Committee action H.R. 2243, to provide for the participation of the United States in the thirteenth replenishment of the resources of the International Development Association, the seventh replenishment of the resources of the Asian Development Fund, and the ninth replenishment of the resources of the African Development Fund.

**VISA REVOCATIONS**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing on “Visa Revocations: Catching the Terrorists Among Us.” Testimony was heard from Jess T. Ford, Director, International Affairs and Trade Division, GAO; Catherine Barry, Managing Director, Office of Visa Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Jayson P. Ahern, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection; and Charles H. Demore, Interim Assistant Director, Investigations, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and Steven C. McCraw, Inspector-Deputy Assistant Director of Intelligence, FBI, Department of Justice.

**COMPACTS OF FREE ASSOCIATION WITH  
MICRONESIA AND THE MARSHALL  
REAUTHORIZING**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on East Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on Reauthorizing the Compacts of Free Association with Micronesia and the Marshall Islands. Testimony was heard from Albert V. Short, Director, Office of Compact Negotiations, Department of State; David B. Cohen, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; and Susan S. Westin, Managing Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Resources:* Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 884, Western Shoshone Claims Distribution Act; and H.R. 1409, Eastern Band of

Cherokee Indians Land Exchange Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Michael D. Olsen, Counselor to the Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

#### **SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH FAIRNESS ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a vote of 6 to 3, a modified closed rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House on H.R. 660, Small Business Health Fairness Act. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The rule makes in order the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, if offered by Representative Kind of Wisconsin or his designee, which shall be considered as read, and shall be separately debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

#### **WHITE-COLLAR JOBS GLOBALIZATION**

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing on the Globalization of White-Collar Jobs: Can America Lose These Jobs and Still Prosper? Testimony was heard from Representative Johnson of Connecticut; Bruce P. Mehlman, Assistant Secretary, Technology Policy, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION REAUTHORIZATION**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 141, SouthEast Crescent Authority Act of 2003; H.R. 1071, Southwest Regional Border Authority Act; H.R. 1572, to designate the historic Federal District Court Building located at 100 North Palafox Street in Pensacola, Florida, as the "Winston E. Arnow Federal Building;" and H.R. 1668, to designate the United States courthouse located at 101 North Fifth Street in Muskogee, Oklahoma, as the "Ed Edmondson United States Courthouse."

The Subcommittee also approved for full Committee action the Economic Development Administration Reauthorization.

#### **NATIONWIDE RESEARCH PROGRAMS—VA's HUMAN SUBJECT PROTECTIONS**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing to assess the Department of Veterans Affairs management of the human subject protections maintained in its nationwide research programs. Testimony was heard from Cynthia Bascetta, Director, Veterans' Health and Benefits Issues, GAO; Robert H. Boswell, M.D., Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs.

#### **IRAQ WMD**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Iraq WMD. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

#### **COUNTERPROLIFERATION AND COUNTERNARCOTICS**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security met in executive session to receive a briefing on Counterproliferation and Counternarcotics. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

#### **TERRORIST FINANCING**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on Terrorist Financing. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

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#### **NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D593)

H.R. 192, to amend the Microenterprise for Self-Reliance Act of 2000 and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to increase assistance for the poorest people in developing countries under microenterprise assistance programs under those Acts. Signed on June 17, 2003. (Public Law 108-31)

S. 273, to provide for the expeditious completion of the acquisition of land owned by the State of Wyoming within the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park. Signed on June 17, 2003. (Public Law 108-32)

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the growing problem of identity theft and its relationship to the Fair Credit Report Act, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* business meeting to consider S. 865, to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to facilitate the reallocation of spectrum from governmental to commercial users, S. 1234, to reauthorize the Federal Trade Commission, S. 1244, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal years 2004 and 2005, S. 247, to reauthorize the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, S. 1106, to establish National Standards for Fishing Quota Systems, S. 861, to authorize the acquisition of interests in undeveloped coastal areas in order to better ensure their protection from development, S. 1152, to reauthorize the United States Fire Administration, S. 189, to authorize appropriations for nanoscience, nanoengineering, and nanotechnology research, S. 877, to regulate interstate commerce by imposing limitations and penalties on the transmission of unsolicited commercial electronic mail via the Internet, S. 1046, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to preserve localism, to foster and promote the diversity of television programming, to foster and promote competition, and to prevent excessive concentration of ownership of the nation's television broadcast stations, and the nomination of Annette Sandberg, of Washington, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, and other pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the Union Labor Life Insurance Company (ULLICO) policy on investment decisions and stock value, focusing on allegations of self-dealing and breaches of fiduciary duty involving certain board members profiting from sales of company stock, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine teacher union scandals, focusing on closing the gaps in union member protections, 10:15 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 724, to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt certain rocket propellants from prohibitions under that title on explosive materials, S. 1125, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, S. 1233, to authorize assistance for the National Great Blacks in Wax Museum and Justice Learning Center, S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims, and the nominations of William H. Pryor, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, and Diane M. Stuart, of Utah, to be Director of the Violence Against

Women Office, Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review of the Commodity Futures Modernization Act, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Legislative, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 2004, 9:30 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 2004, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* to continue markup of H.R. 2210, School Readiness Act of 2003, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Select Education, hearing on "International Programs in Higher Education and Questions of Bias," 1 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* to continue markup of H.R. 2743, Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer credit, hearing entitled "The New Basel Accord—In Search of a Unified U.S. Position," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "Rural Housing in America," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* to consider the following: a Report—A Citizen's Guide on Using the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974 to Request Government Records; H.R. 2396, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1210 Highland Avenue in Duarte, California as the "Francisco A. Martinez Flores Post Office," H.R. 1761, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9350 East Corporate Hill Drive in Wichita, Kansas, as the "Garner E. Shriver Post Office Building"; H.R. 2249, Postmasters Equity Act of 2003; H.R. 2328, to designate the facility of the Postal Service located at 2001 East Willard Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Robert A. Borski Post Office Building"; H. Con. Res. 6, supporting the goals and ideals of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness Month; H. Con. Res. 208, Supporting the National Men's Health Week; and H. Res. 240, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Community Health Center Week to raise awareness of health services provided by community, migrant, public housing, and homeless health centers; followed by a hearing on "The Next Step in the Investigation of the Use of Informants by the Department of Justice," 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, hearing on U.S. Policy in Afghanistan: Current Issues in Reconstruction, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 339, Personal Responsibility in Food Consumption Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, oversight hearing on "The Issuance, Acceptance, and Reliability of Consular Identification Cards," 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on the Domestic Natural Gas Supply Shortage, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health and the Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, joint hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2057, Chronic Wasting Disease Support for States Act of 2003; and H.R. 2416, to provide for the protection of paleontological resources on Federal lands, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 511, Mount Naomi Wilderness Boundary Adjustment Act; H.R. 708, to require the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in Mendocino National Forest, California, to provide for the use of the proceeds from such conveyance for National Forest purposes; H.R. 1038, Public Lands Fire Regulations Enforcement Act of 2003; and H.R. 1651, Sierra

National Forest Land Exchange Act of 2003, following joint hearing, 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing on the Need to Update Water Quality Standards to Improve Clean Water Act Programs, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, to mark up H.R. 2351, Health Savings Account Availability Act, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Oversight and the Subcommittee on Human Resources, joint hearing on unemployment fraud and abuse, following full Committee markup, 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing on S Corporation Reforms, following full Committee markup, B-318 Rayburn.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, to continue hearings on Iraq WMD, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, briefing on Counterintelligence Issues, 10:30 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security, executive, briefing on Global Intelligence Update, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

*Select Committee on Homeland Security*, hearing entitled "Response to Terrorism: How is DHS Improving Our Capabilities?" 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.



*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Thursday, June 19

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will continue consideration of S. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements in the Medicare program, to provide prescription drug coverage under the Medicare program.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Thursday, June 19

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Complete consideration of H.R. 1528, Taxpayer Protection and IRS Accountability Act (modified closed rule, one hour of general debate); and Consideration of H.R. 660, Small Business Health Fairness Act (modified closed rule, one hour of general debate).

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